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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, According to the Des Plaines, Illinois-based  
3 National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), during the past 3  
4 years, there has been a significant increase in insurance  
5 fraud, specifically in Illinois, staged motor vehicle  
6 accidents, false claims of bodily injury, and medical provider  
7 fraud; and

8           WHEREAS, Illinois ranks fifth nationally in submitted  
9 questionable claims related to bodily injury; and

10           WHEREAS, Illinois has adequate insurance fraud laws,  
11 especially in relation to immunity for reporting and sharing  
12 information; and

13           WHEREAS, Illinois has strong criminal penalties for  
14 insurance fraud; and

15           WHEREAS, A fraud bureau exists to investigate workers'  
16 compensation fraud; and

17           WHEREAS, Illinois has a Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention  
18 Council, funded by a \$1 charge per auto insurance policy, that  
19 helps combat vehicle theft and has contributed to a 60% decline  
20 in vehicle theft since 1991; and

1           WHEREAS, A bureau or other facility to investigate property  
2 and casualty and medical fraud does not exist; and

3           WHEREAS, The top recommendation arising from the 2008  
4 Illinois Insurance Fraud Summit held by the NICB was the need  
5 for a dedicated insurance fraud prosecutor; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 there is created the Illinois Insurance Fraud Task Force; and  
9 be it further

10           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of the  
11 following members: the Director of the Illinois Department of  
12 Insurance or his or her designee, the Director of the Illinois  
13 State Police or his or her designee, the Director of the  
14 Criminal Justice Information Authority or his or her designee;  
15 the Attorney General or his or her designee; the Cook County  
16 State's Attorney or his or her designee; the Superintendent of  
17 the Chicago Police Department or his or her designee; a local  
18 Police Chief designated by the Illinois Association of Chiefs  
19 of Police; a County Sheriff designated by the Illinois County  
20 Sheriff's Association; three property and casualty insurance  
21 companies designated by the Illinois Insurance Association;  
22 the President of the National Insurance Crime Bureau or his or

1 her designee; the President of the Illinois Insurance  
2 Association or his or her designee; and the Governor of the  
3 State of Illinois or his or her designee; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That at the first meeting of the Task Force a  
5 chairperson be selected from among its members; and be it  
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Insurance Fraud Task Force  
8 shall (i) investigate the issue of organized insurance fraud  
9 crime, especially as related to the rapidly escalating problem  
10 of medical fraud, (ii) examine methods to unite the collective  
11 resources of the insurance industry with appropriate  
12 components of federal, State, and local law enforcement  
13 agencies to pinpoint organized criminal schemes, and (iii)  
14 examine concepts for establishing a permanent and financially  
15 sustained public-private partnership to combat insurance fraud  
16 crimes with emphasis placed on the establishment of a dedicated  
17 investigative and prosecutorial focus on insurance fraud  
18 crimes; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Insurance Fraud Task Force  
20 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to this  
21 body on or before August 30, 2013.